

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William H. Dippert on September 2, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 6, the phrase --, said coke—has been added after “(11).”

In claims 9 and 10, line 2, “(temperature, pressure, residence time, heating speed, etc.),” has been deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the examiner is convinced by applicants arguments supplied in the appeal brief, filed on May 27, 2008. *Inter Alia*, the examiner agrees with applicants in the fact that the references cannot be combined, without changing the basic structure of the primary reference, i.e., the primary reference requires that the evaporable compounds are included with the second pyrolysis stage in order to obtain a “clean fuel.” Recovering the evaporable compounds at that junction would teach away from the teachings of Brink. See applicants arguments for more details

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José A. Fortuna whose telephone number is 571-272-1188. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven P. Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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